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That loyal little band, this department's addicts, may some of them recall occasional references to a love for detective stories. Too, some may remember the unfinished chapter from an unfinished mystery novel which served to fill this space several months ago, that fragment of "The Purple Voice." Then there was the piece produced in high school days, warmed over for the Corner, about the sinister character who was lured to Hyde Park where he paid the supreme price for his derelictions. An earlier Corner dealt with English authors and their old dukes so frequently found in the library, done in by parties unknown. These are the only references I can remember myself this afternoon; maybe there were more. At any rate, this department was, and is, fascinated by criminal investigation.

Our own editor, Ed Ryan, has not only been equally fascinated in criminal goings-on: he has contributed a bit to crime detection himself through his work on identification by means of dental records, about which he has written in *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, and in *Scientific American*. That is how he came to become acquainted with Dr. Carleton Simon of New York, whose fame as a criminologist and psychiatrist is international. When Ed and I visited New York for the week-end following the Centenary celebration in Baltimore, Sam Stanley and I had an opportunity to meet Doctor Simon, too. With Ed, we spent an evening with him and you can imagine what that meant to a country-boy criminologist like me.

The evening included sitting in with Doctor Simon during rehearsal and production of that Saturday's "Gang Busters" program at the Columbia Broadcasting System studio. The doctor regularly counsels the producers of "Gang Busters," and occasionally appears in the cast himself, or is impersonated as part of the story. It was grand to be right in the thick of a crime drama, with machine-guns rattling,

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pistols barking, gangsters' cars cracking up—thanks to the two perspiring sound-effects men, who explained their novel gadgettry after the show. The thing, though, that most appealed to me was the marvelous stop-watch coordination of the entire job. (I thought wistfully how nice it would be if here at ORAL HYGIENE we could exhibit the same degree of coordination on our publishing job. Then, for example, I wouldn't be writing this several days late.)

But crime dramas are only one of Doctor Simon's wide variety of interests. After the show, and after apple pancakes at Ruben's, the doctor took the three of us to his office where we discovered what a criminologist does when he isn't helping put on a weekly radio show

For one thing, he has developed a system of retinal blood vessel classification for identification in cases where finger-print identification is defeated by plastic surgery. His special camera photographs through the pupil the veins as they enter the optic nerve in the rear of the eye-ball, and which form there a distinctive configuration. He has ingeniously coded these patterns for scientific classification, but don't ask this criminologist to tell you how. Last July, Popular Science Monthly printed an article about this work of the doctor, and about his revolutionary theory that explains criminal tendencies as due to an imbalance of the two lobes of the brain, which scientists may learn to do something about.

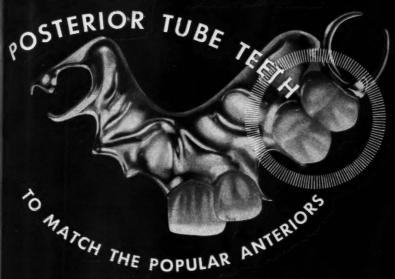
And that by no means sums up all his work. Part of it has to do with the crime of counterfeiting, for example. He showed us some bad-bill tests, including an interesting one in which ultra-violet light rays help to spot counterfeit currency. More than one Corner could be written about this phase of his work alone, I guess. The same is true of his studies of the causes of juvenile delinquency, divorce and its relation to crime, the facial aspects of the criminal, and spy detection—to name a few of the problems tackled by a man who is consulted by police departments and institutions all over the world—a man who was responsible for one of the very biggest nights in the life of Ed Ryan, and Sam Stanley, and your country correspondent.

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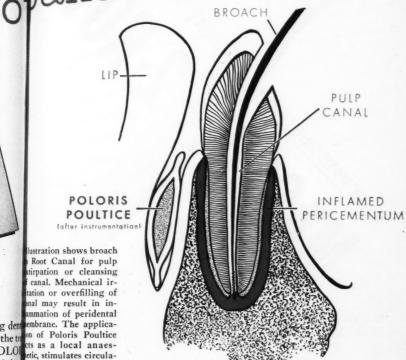
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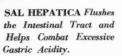
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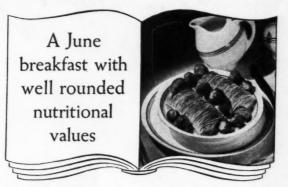
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by HOWARD R. RAPER, D.D.S.

On TUESDAY EVENING, April second, a little after 7 o'clock, mountain standard time, a voice came into my living room through the loud speaker of the radio, saying:

"Next week when you take the letters from your mail box you will see for the first time a new United States postage stamp. On it will be a face you probably never saw before and under it a name you have probably never heard—the name of Doctor Crawford W. Long. Yet this man may have played an important part in your own life. Come back with us to a day in March, 1842.

We are in the little town of Jefferson, Georgia, in a doctor's office."

The voice was that of Mr. Gabriel Heatter, master of ceremonies of the commercial program, "We, The People." The scene shifted to Doctor Long's office, back in 1842. James Venable, for whom Doctor Long removed a tumor, was speaking something like this:

"No. No, I can't go through with it, Doctor, I am afraid—that knife — I know what it's going to be like, cutting into my neck. I couldn't stand it."

"But those tumors have got to

come off, Jim, before the poison spreads to your brain. You've just got to stand the pain."

From here on I shall interrupt the action of the play in order to debunk it. The tumors on the back of Mr. Venable's neck were probably cysts, and there was no danger whatever of them spreading poison to the brain. Now back to the play.

"I can't Doctor. I have heard of people dying from pain like that."

"Yes. Yes, some people do die from pain like that. But in your case there is no choice. Those tumors have got to be removed. They can't be left more than two months."

"I don't want to die. I'm young. I want to live, and I know I couldn't stand that terrible pain."

I interrupt again to say that, while it is true that people died from the shock of surgery prior to the discovery of anesthesia, such deaths occurred in cases of major surgery, not in cases of minor surgery such as the removal of the "tumor" from James Venable's neck. Back to the play again:

"I am going to tell you something, Jim. I have been experimenting with a chemical they call ether. I think I have found something—the way to kill pain."

"What is it, Doctor?"

"But it might not kill the pain, it might kill you."

"I don't care. I'll try anything, anything, if it will kill the pain."

"It might work. It might be

the thing we doctors have looked for all these years. Ether might be the end of pain, but if you die people will say I murdered you. It will ruin my career. I will be through—finished. But I will do it."

"Doctor, you have got to do it.

If it is only a chance, we both have to take it."

Again I interrupt. There are no records to indicate or even suggest that Doctor Long had been "experimenting" with ether prior to his use of it on James Venable—unless you would call attending "ether frolics" and inhaling ether for the fun of it experimentation; and if you do this, you are perfectly justified in speaking of your next cocktail party as an experimental study of the physiologic effects of alcohol.

Doctor Long did not need to tell Jim Venable about ether. He knew that Mr. Venable was quite familiar with its intoxicating effect, that he was an "ether frolicer." That is why, instead of suggesting that he take a drink of whiskey to prepare for the operation-as was the custom of physicians and dentists of that day-Doctor Long suggested that he smell some ether. It was all very simple and natural-not at all dramatic, unless you can see drama in realism, and irony and tragedy in the spectacle of a man not seeing a great discovery which was right under his nose.

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the patient in conversation. Finally the patient says: "It's funny, Doctor, I can't see you very well—getting so sleepy—so-o-o sleepy—" There is a terrific blare of music, indicating that the patient has passed under the influence of the ether, then Mr. Heatter's voice again saying:

"We next give you the only living child of that Doctor Crawford W. Long. She's his eighty-year-old daughter. We, The People, brought her from Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Eugenia Long Harper."

Mrs. Harper spoke as follows: "The patient, James Venable, lived! I remember when I was only a little girl, mother told me about that operation, how father came home that night and said, 'Mary, I think I've done it. I think I've found the way,' and he told her how he performed the first painless operation with ether. Mother told me that before ether anesthesia father had to work as quickly as he could, with his nerves on edge listening to the screams and groans as four or five men held the patient on a table; how he used to suffer with the patient's torture as the knife cut into the flesh and of his hope as he watched the patients die from the shock of the knife. His greatest wish was that it all could be ended and now he had ended it. To be certain that ether anesthesia was the answer he tried it again-more operations with ether-amputations of the fingers and toes and still no pain. That was almost a hundred years ago. Now ether anesthesia is recognized as one of the greatest contributions to medical science. During the lifetime of almost every person ether has saved untold suffering. I am proud that I could live to see the Government honor my father next Monday when it issues the Crawford W. Long memorial stamp."

And that concluded the part of the program devoted to the story of the discovery of anesthesia. Let us see what we had been told, and label the items true or false. We were told:

That Doctor Long may have played an important part in *your* life—false.

That Doctor Long deliberately set himself the task of finding a means of relieving the pain of surgery, which culminated with the operation on James Venable—false.

That James Venable's tumors were killing him—false.

That the operation for their removal was very dangerous to the life of the patient—false.

That Doctor Long was afraid that the ether might kill the patient—false. For Doctor Long knew that the patient was "accustomed to, and fond of" (Doctor Long's words) taking ether for fun.

That Doctor Long reported the incident to his wife, saying, "Mary, I think I've done it. I think I've found the way"—probably false. If Doctor Long reported the operation to his wife, she is the only one to whom he did report it, for he never made any effort at all to give

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the news to his medical colleagues and the world.

That Doctor Long's "greatest wish was that" the pain of surgery be stopped and that "he ended it"—false. Doctor Long did not bring surgical anesthesia to the race either deliberately or accidentally.

That Doctor Long was first to use ether as an anesthetic—true. But the implication that because of this he must have been the one who brought the gift of anesthesia to humanity is utterly false.

Legend Grows

That Long legend is growing. Presently, if things continue to go as they have been going for the past decade, Doctor Long will be receiving the major share of the credit for the discovery of anesthesia. Already he has eclipsed Wells, who started the train of events which brought us anesthesia—and sacrificed his life in the effort.

Fame may be, and frequently is, less a matter of accomplishment than of energetic and well directed publicity; and the Long advocates are the best publicists. Their battle cry is the catch phrase, "he was first to use ether as an anesthetic." If they wanted to be honest, they would add: "But, unfortunately, he evidently did not recognize the significance of what he had done—failed to develop the idea or report it and left it to other men to introduce anesthesia."

Present day Long advocates

tell us that Doctor Long was too modest to push his claims for credit and that is why he received so little during his lifetime. I do not slander Doctor Long when I say he was not excessively modest, and I deliberately pay him a significant compliment when I say that he seems to have been quite honest. It was the quality of honesty in him that kept him from getting any more credit than he deserved. His present advocates are hampered by no such blighting quality.

It is not widely known, but another American physician named E. R. Smilie also used ether anesthesia before Wells and Morton discovered and introduced it. He failed to follow up the idea and was so disgusted with himself on that account that he wrote of his own work: "In view of my discovery of a power that would overcome painful bodily sensation under the operation of the surgeon's knife, I cannot see that there pertains to it the slightest degree of merit." He then goes on to say that its only significance lies in the fact that it forms a part of the "sequence of events, which under a bolder administration" and "by the aid of surgeons" led to the control of surgical pain. The medical profession may well be proud of Doctor Smilie's courage and Doctor Long's honesty; but there is no occasion for taking pride in the failure of either. Both failed and both admitted it, Smilie with a show of impatience at himself, Long with complacency.

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It is time for dentistry to stand up on its own two feet (or however many feet it has) and say to the world, "Yes, we discovered surgical anesthesia. The honor belongs to us, and to nobody else."

Fear Hampers Us

We are afraid to say such things because we have an uneasy feeling that perhaps the man to whom we might say such a thing may know something about the discovery that we do not know. But the fear is groundless. Those who deny dentistry this honor, do so, not because they know something that we do not, but because they do not know something we do—or should.

The average man does not have either the inclination or the opportunity to make a thorough investigation of the subject. It takes years and necessitates access to libraries that are inaccessible to the majority. Most of the literature—and there is an unearthly lot of it-must be read in order that one may develop the necessary critical sense to know what to believe and what not to believe. What I am saying is that the average man has virtually no chance to form his own conclusions based on his own original investigation. He must accept the conclusions of others, who may or may not deserve the confidence. This being the case, and until you may make your own investigation, I suggest you take my word for it that you cannot go wrong in defending dentistry's right to be accorded the credit for the discovery of anesthesia.

The feeling that perhaps medical men are better informed on the subject than you may be is not well founded. Neither the average dentist nor the physician is very well informed. It is to the credit of dentists that they not infrequently are more willing to admit the fact, but there is nothing particularly admirable in being too wishy-washy to defend ourselves against injustice. Perhaps it may give you a little more self-confidence if I tell you something of medicine's history in this connection.

In 1870 the American Medical Association passed a resolution designating Horace Wells as the discoverer of anesthesia. In 1920 the physicians of America transferred their allegiance from Wells to W. T. G. Morton and won for him his place in the Hall of Fame, and placed his bust in the section reserved for physicians. On the cover of The Military Surgeon for April 1940, we find a picture of Doctor Crawford W. Long, and in an editorial in the same issue of the magazine we come upon this sentence: "The whole medical profession now claims Doctor Crawford W. Long as the true discoverer of the use of anesthetics in surgery." Thus we trace the knowledge of the medical profession. When they knew most about the subject they acclaimed Wells. When they knew a little less, they acclaimed Morton. Today, when they know

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least, they are turning to Long. The whole medical profession, by the way, does not acclaim Long. It is only that part of the d on profession satisfied to believe what it wants to believe without investigation. Of course that takes in quite a chunk, but there are medical men who know better, and others who know that they do not know. Incidentally, the best short pamphlet on the subject of the discovery of anesthesia was written by a physician, the late William H. Welch, of Johns Hopkins, a man held in such high esteem by his brother

physicians that for some years before his death he was known as, "the Dean of American Medicine." Doctor Welch gives Doctor Long substantially no credit at all.

There is a saying that medicine buries its mistakes. This doesn't seem to be true in the case of Doctor Long's terrific mistake in not recognizing the possibilities of etherization. Perhaps medicine does not have the heart to dig the grave. Organized dentistry should lend a hand.

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THE COVER

ORAL HYGIENE'S cover is dedicated to the Pennsylvania State Dental Society which is cruising this month on Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, with stops at some of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River.

This is the society's fifty-ninth annual convention. It starts June 13 and closes on June 16. Doctor G. S. Phillips of Meadville, Pennsylvania, is president of the organization. Doctor C. J. Hollister of Harrisburg, executive secretary, is in charge of arrangements for this novel dental meeting.

Like most of Oral Hygiene's Kodachrome cover illustrations, this one is the work of Homer and Dorothy Sterling of our staff. The ship and the puppet dentist (who is giving one of the scientific sessions a miss) were manufactured by the Sterlings.

THE DENTAL BOYS LOVE TO TAKE IT

by WALTER H. JACOBS, D.D.S.

WHEN A MAN IS determined that his chin must be the resting place for the world's hard knocks, the best thing to do is to leave him alone. Don't argue, don't worry him, and don't start telling him about his rights and privileges, because this usually only makes him want to absorb more worldly punishment.

In the training gyms where the fighters get in condition there always are the boys who never get in the main bouts. They never get their names mentioned by the sports writers. They never get attention when the championship fights go on. These are the boys who get battered about, taking a few bucks to serve as sparring partners to the men on top or to be used as human punching bags for the kids on the way up. Now, the interesting part is that they never complain, they never unite, and they never protest. They are quite contented just to be tolerated on the fringe of the "racket," even though they are, unknown to themselves, indispensable to the sport. They are quite satisfied to get their brains knocked out and their ears scrambled for a few miserable dollars, and when they walk past the big shots and wise guys they

are given a smile and then the wise guys wink to each other knowingly. In this way there is no trouble and everybody is happy.

What brings these none too pleasant thoughts to mind are some recent New York newspaper items, "City Urged to Keep Its Dental Staff"; "Dental Pay Cuts to Be Made on City Service"; and others. Here we are in 1940-we have all just finished reading beautiful stories explaining the wonderful service that has been rendered to "humanity" by our profession. "Humanity," great ectoplastic mystery, has been informed how dentistry brought esthetics, surcease from pain, and great comfort into a sorely harassed world. "Humanity," that most beautiful of words almost anything express the politicians wish, has been preached to, radioed at, and "public relationed" about the debt that it owes to dentistry. And then what happens? A great city, composed at least in part of "humanity," has to be urged to keep its dental staff and has to be pleaded with to pay this staff a wage equal to the service given!

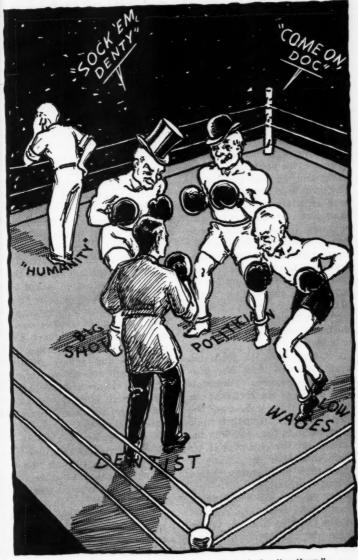
Soon we begin to see dentists looking like the "round heel" push-overs in the gyms. They

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have been contented to just stand around and take it, to get battered about, made to sign in and sign out, punch clocks, and make out reports. And for what? For peanuts! For the measly salary of \$1,200 to \$1,800 a year! For just about what a high class Bowery tramp would consider a fair handout. And this terrific compensation comes from a city shooting its mouth off about the great World of Tomorrow! In the meanwhile, of course, the politicians, the big shots, and the wise guys of the city have been giving the boys a kind smile and then winking to each other. Of course it is nothing new to see dentists being shoved around. For instance, the government will print a stamp honoring the inventor of the "non-dunkable doughnut," or the writer of its outstanding "advice to the love-lorn" column. But just try to get Horace Wells, a dentist, the true discoverer of anesthesia, on a stamp!

But now back to economics again-are not these city dentists, these nephews of Aesculapius, aware of the fact that the carpenters, the plumbers, and the electricians who fix up their clinic get more than they do? Why the barbers on the city payroll get more than they do! If any of those boys were putting a kid through dental school the expenses would be almost more than their salary each year! Maybe the boys are only taking these jobs as a hobby, or maybe they want to mingle with the common people to get color for

short stories. But if they are taking the \$1,200 as a salary it is just about time for dentistry to step in and start looking after its own. Because it looks as if "humanity" (whatever the hell that is) isn't going to look after them.

It would not be too difficult either. Just ask the dentists serving the hospitals, clinics and "humanity" to knock off for a day or two until the boys working for the city get a decent break at the pay-off window. But this would be too easy and dentists would be protecting members of their own profession. And what is more, the big boys on top of the profession wouldn't permit it because that is how vulgar laborers get what is coming to them. But suppose it did come about, and suppose the rest of the profession backed up its own men-and suppose in a few days "humanity" developed some nice juicy swollen jaws, smelly suppurative sinuses, abcessed teeth, painful fractured mandibles and aching molars. Why it would be even money our old friend "humanity" would hot foot it damn quick to see that dentistry got what was coming to it financially this time, not only in words of praise!

The old gag about a chain being as strong as its weakest link is still true even in these days of acrylic resins, electrocoagulation, and vitamin "q." And what is just as true is that a profession can rise no higher than its weakest member. Never mind what our men in the "main bouts" are get-

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Bitewing—Full mouth	\$5.19	\$4.35



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Cast Gold Crown	16.96	15.12
Bridgework, soldered backing, per tooth	11.08	9.73
Cast backing with porcelain tips	16.12	13.12
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Removable Bridgework, with attachments,	,	
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Vulcanite, with clasps	\$50.45	\$37.28
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Cellulose Material, Full Upper or Lower	55.73	43.40
Full Upper and Lower	108.19	85.21
Condensite, Full Upper or Lower	65.22	50.59
Full Upper and Lower	125.58	97.82
Metal Base, Full Upper or Lower	112.44	78.75
Full Upper and Lower	218.99	182.77
Relining Full Denture (Single) Vulcanite	10.45	9.74
Cellulose	17.35	14.87
Condensite	23.73	16.52
Metal Base	34.90	34.00
Duplication of Dentures, Vulcanite	25.03	16.98
Cellulose	32.14	26.96
Condensite	40.83	31.03
Repairs, Single tooth, Vulcanite	2.91	2.50
Cellulose	5.18	4.80
Condensite	6.80	5.65
Repairs, Fractures, Vulcanite	3.52	2.93
Cellulose	7.22	6.25
Condensite	9.52	8.50

The average fees charged for services in Cleveland and Northeastern Ohio were obtained by tabulating figures collected by the Cleveland Dental Society from questionnaires sent out to dentists in October, 1938. Other data obtained in this interesting survey of dental practice was published in the April, 1940, issue of Oral Hygiene.

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PARIS WAS IN the hands of the revolutionists-a restless, swaying mob, of men, women, children, and dogs. The Second Empire had fallen "like a pack of cards before a puff of wind." It was a Sunday afternoon in early September of the year 1870. From the balcony of his office in the Rue de la Paix, Thomas W. Evans, American dentist and confidante of Napoleon III, watched fascinated, unbelieving, as he saw shopkeepers trying with desperate haste to remove or destroy the insignia of the Emperor, which only a few days before they had eagerly sought or proudly possessed. Presently he was joined by Edward A. Crane,1 an American physician, whom he had invited to meet him here and go for an afternoon drive in the Bois de Boulogne.

Being unable to do anything about the Revolution, they drove hurriedly out of the business quarter and passed into the boulevards full of quiet, orderly promenaders, who were unaware of the extent of the disaster that had overtaken the Empire. As the

Americans rode along in their comfortable equipage, they talked of the gentlemen's dinner party that Doctor Evans was to give that evening at his home. Mrs. Evans being away at Deauville, Doctor Evans decided, as they approached the house, that he would stop and give an order to his servants before driving on to the Bois. Handing the reins to Doctor Crane and saying he would be gone but a few minutes, Doctor Evans walked rapidly to the entrance. A servant came running toward him saying excitedly, "There are two ladies in the library. They have not given me their names . . . but they seem very anxious to see you and have been waiting for you for more than an hour."2

Not having the least idea what visitors could be calling on him in this singular and mysterious manner, Doctor Evans hastened to the library and was greatly astonished to find the Empress Eugénie and her friend, Madame Lebreton.

"You are surprised to see me here," said the Empress. "The

²Doctor Grane edited the American Register, the first American newspaper in Paris. It was established and supported by Doctor Evans and ceased publication shortly after his death.

Fevans, T. W.: The Second French Empire, Memoirs of Doctor Thomas W. Evans, edited by Edward A. Crane, M.D., New York, D. Appleton and Company, 1905.

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Government is in the hands of the Revolutionists... And I have come to you for protection and assistance, because I have full confidence in your devotion to my family. The service I now ask in my behalf, and in that of the lady who is with me, will be a severe test of your friendship."

Doctor Evans at once assured the Empress that he would be "only too happy to give her the protection she sought" and would do all in his power to assure her personal safety.

Thanking him with some emotion, Eugénie said, "You see, I am no longer fortunate... I am left alone. Here is my last dispatch from the Emperor at Sedan."

Taking the dispatch Doctor Evans read, "The army has been defeated and captured. Having been unable to get killed in the midst of my soldiers, I have been obliged to give myself up as a prisoner in order to save the army."

Deeply moved by this further evidence of her serious plight, Doctor Evans asked the Empress if she had any special plan of escape she wished to execute. After explaining that a mob had threatened the Tuileries, almost cutting off her escape, she said she wished to go to England and expressed "a very earnest desire to leave Paris as quickly as possible . . . to get beyond the reach of the mob." The Empress fully realized that she "the Spanish woman" now occupied the unenviable place that Marie Antoinette, "the Austrian," once held in

the minds and fury of the Paris mob.

Excusing himself for a few minutes to the Empress, Doctor Evans asked his friend to entertain the dinner guests, mostly members of the American Sanitary Commission who were to lay plans for care of the wounded in case of a siege of Paris. When he returned to talk to the Empress, Doctor Evans prevailed on her to give up the idea of starting out at ten o'clock that night and leave instead early in the morning. They discussed at length a plan of procedure, settling on Deauville as their objective. Doctor Evans pointed out that his wife was still at the Hôtel du Casino and would be of great assistance to them, and it was also a place where it might be possible to find a yacht or boat to take the Empress across the English Channel.

"It was next settled," Doctor Evans reports in his *Memoirs*, "that we should begin the journey in my own carriage,³ since we felt pretty sure that we could count on finding relays of horses along the route in such towns as Mantes, Évreux, and Lisieux."

Fortunately, the Empress had hastily collected a few passports before she left the palace. One of these Doctor Evans found had been obtained from the British Embassy. It was not only a passport to England but was issued for a well-known physician and his patient and would make it

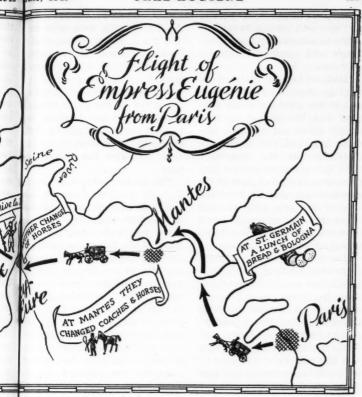
³Doctor Evans' carriage in which Empress Eugénie fled from Paris is now in the Evans' Museum at Spruce and Forty-First Streets, Philadelphia.



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This much progress having wrted to been made, the Empress and her leepless friend retired, promising to be At five ready early in the morning. But of Septe the responsibility of the under- pachma

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a aking weighed heavily on Doctor mans. "Neither Doctor Crane nor thought of rest," he says, "and although I could rely entirely on the fidelity of my servants, we tor but sat up the whole night matching over the safety of her lajesty." Later the Empress rengered that the night had been a ter seepless one for her also.

be At five-thirty on the morning but I September fifth, Célestin, the er-wachman, drove up to the door in the four-seated covered carriage. "We left the house dressed as we were the evening before," Doctor Evans recalls. "Not a bag, not a package even of toilet articles, did one of us carry. The Empress had on a black cashmere dress... over this she wore a dark-colored, thin waterproof cloak... A round black Derby hat, to which was attached a plain black veil, completed her costume. Not the slightest attempt had

been made to disguise her person, beyond such concealment as might be afforded by a dress too simple and common to attract attention.

"Madame Lebreton entered the carriage first, taking the back seat on the right hand; the Empress took the seat on the left. Doctor Crane sat opposite Madame Lebreton, and I took the place opposite the Empress." With this arrangement the Empress would be out of sight of the guards stationed on the left-hand side of the city gate through which they were to pass. The only open window was on the side occupied by Madame Lebreton.

It was a clear, fresh, pleasant September morning. A few minutes before sunrise Doctor Evans gave the order to his coachman to start. Driving hurriedly through the city streets, they saw shopkeepers taking down their shutters, street sweepers at work, and the milk carts rumbling by as if nothing untoward had happened the day before.

Through City Gates

Arriving at the city gate they reached their first hazard, and Doctor Evan's tells how they negotiated it. "As an officer of the guard approached, I let down the window at my right; and on his coming close to the door of the carriage and asking me where we were going, I leaned forward and, partly filling the opening with my head and shoulders, told him that I was going with my carriage, horses, and coachman into the

country to spend the day with the friends who were with me; that I was an American; that I lived in Paris, and was well known to everybody in the neighborhood."²

Satisfied with this explanation, the guard at the Porte Maillot, unable to see the Empress because a newspaper adroitly held by Doctor Evans concealed her face, permitted the carriage to pass.

The party having escaped its first and greatest danger was now safely out of Paris and on its way to the coast. As they followed the route Impériale along the left bank of the Seine, the spirits of the Empress rose. She talked animatedly of her present difficult situation and the events that led up to it. She referred indignantly to the attempts that had been made to throw upon her personally the responsibility for the war —"a war justifiable solely because German diplomacy had put in jeopardy the prestige of the French nation."

"The French people," she went on to say, "have great and shining qualities, but they . . . lack steadfastness. They are versatile but volatile . . . In France we are honored today and banished tomorrow. It has sometimes seemed to me that the French set up their heroes, as it were, on pedestals of salt, so that when the first storm strikes them they tumble down to lie forever in the mud. In no country in the world is the step between the sublime and the ridiculous so short as in this. Only

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a few days ago I declared...that I would never leave the Tuileries in a cab, as Charles X and Louis Philippe did. And that is exactly what I have done." Impressed by humor of this coincidence, the Empress could not resist the impulse to laugh.

As the carriage approached the city of Saint-Germain, momentary anxiety stopped all conversation. Fortunately the officers permitted the party to pass through the toll gate without question, and Doctor Evans ordered the coachman to drive rapidly through the city to avoid detection. Soon they were following the picturesque road to Mantes along the right bank of the Seine. Despite the heat and dust they did not pause until they neared Mantes. Here at a wine shop the men had lunch and Doctor Evans brought a roll of bread and bologna wrapped in brown paper to the Empress and Madame Lebreton, who feared to leave the carriage. Being able to adapt herself to any situation with ease and simplicity, the Empress broke off a piece of bread, pronounced it excellent, and borrowed Doctor Crane's pocket knife to cut off a slice of the sausage. Madame Lebreton had no appetite, however, and continued in the state of sadness and gloom she believed suited to the occasion.

In the city of Mantes Doctor Evans secured another carriage and horses to take them a short distance and he sent his own coachman back to Paris. Proceeding on their way a few hours

more, they reached the village of Pacy-sur-Eure where they found an elderly woman who was willing to supply them with a carriage but she had only one horse, a large gray mare. She knew, however, of a small chestnut horse that was working in a neighboring field. Doctor Evans hurriedly negotiated for this, and the mismated pair that had never been driven together were hitched to an ancient carriage for the trip to Evreux. As they stopped in one of this city's suburbs about five o'clock for lunch, the Empress was momentarily frightened by crowds of the Mobile Guard passing by and shouting "Vive la République." She could not help recalling that she was now about the same distance from Paris, but 80 miles to the West rather than 80 miles to the East, where Marie Antoinette, the King, and their children, had been recognized by the son of a postmaster and, in the midst of their perilous journey, arrested, and sent back to prison.

Changing horses and coachman at the next village, just before sunset, distracted the Empress from her apprehensive thoughts, and she forgot everything but the importance of making progress before night came.

More Delay

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horses stopped all progress, and the farmer, who had reluctantly become their coachman some miles back, wanted to give the whole thing up and return home. He said it was too dark to repair the break and anyway he had nothing to use for repairs. Paying no attention to his grumbling, Doctor Evans and his friend got down, found an old halter in a box under the seat of the carriage, lashed the whiffletree firmly to the crossbar, and all started off once more. This time they reached a small village, La Riviére de Thibouville, about a hundred miles from Paris. It was ten o'clock and, as they were well on their way to the coast, Doctor Evans decided they would spend the night in an inferior tavern called Le Soleil d'Or. The Empress, assuming the rôle of an invalid, was solicitously aided to climb the dark, narrow, steep steps to the room selected for her. When she saw it, she dropped into a chair and, surveying the rough, scanty contents with a rapid glance, she burst out laughing.

"Oh, mon Dieu! mon Dieu, madame!" exclaimed Madame Lebreton, "how can you laugh in this sad situation?" In a spirit of contrition the Empress then tried hard to look as solemn and view her predicament as seriously as did Madame Lebreton.

To Deauville

Next morning, at the risk of detection, the party took a train to save time and reached Lisieux,

only eighteen miles from Deauville, about nine-thirty. It was a gloomy miserable morning with rain pouring down. As they had no umbrellas Doctor Evans insisted on going alone into the village to find a carriage. He left the Empress and Madame Lebreton standing under the porte cochère of a carpet factory with Doctor Crane on guard. More than an hour later Doctor Evans returned with a carriage to find his rain soaked passengers presenting a picture of complete abandonment. But soon they were all settled in the carriage beginning the last stage of their journey, and things began to look more hopeful. At three o'clock in the afternoon of the second day's journey from Paris they reached Deauville, having followed from Evreux to the coast much the same route as that taken by Louis Philippe in his flight from Paris twenty-five years before.

Leaving the carriage at the outskirts of the city Doctor Evans hurried to the Hôtel du Casino, entered through a side door, and was glad to find Mrs. Evans in her rooms. Telling her rapidly all that had happened, he learned to his relief that no news about the Empress had been received at Deauville. After recovering from her astonishment, Mrs. Evans prepared to receive her guests. Doctor Evans secured a large, green umbrella, as it had now begun to rain again, and went back to the carriage. Later the umbrella helped him to conceal the Empress from observers as he

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hurried her and her companions through the side entrance of the hotel and up to Mrs. Evans' rooms. Here the Empress rested, had dinner, and remained until midnight. In the meantime Doctor grans had spent the hours trying to convince Sir John Burgoyne, an Englishman, that he should aid the Empress and her party by taking them across the Channel in his yacht, the Gazelle. Finally, through the influence of Lady Burgoyne, he yielded to Doctor Evans' pleas and consented to undertake the trip, although complaining of the great responsibility he was being asked to assume.

Late that night Doctor Evans and the Empress walked three-quarters of a mile from the hotel through mud and rain to reach the yacht, and he vividly recalls his state of mind during that walk.

"It was a wild night, and as the sound of the distant surge of the sea came to my ears, it seemed to be the forerunner of some impending calamity. And it was! At that very moment (we later learned) the Captain, the most powerful fighting ship in the British navy, was struggling with the storm at the mouth of the Channel, where she sank an hour later, taking down with her . . . a crew of officers and men five hundred in number . . . her commander was Sir Hugh Burgoyne, a cousin of the man on whose small cutter we were so rejoiced to know we were to embark. . . . "2 On reaching the yacht the Em-

press was eager to know if the London papers contained any news of the Emperor or the Prince Imperial, her 14-year-old son, who had been removed from France some time earlier for his own protection. Although finding no news of them in the papers, the Empress suppressed her emotion quickly and thanked Lady Burgoyne for her great kindness. The women retired after some further conversation, but the men spent much of the night talking on deck. Memories of the past triumphs of Empress Eugénie's that he had witnessed haunted Doctor Evans all through the night, and long after he recalled it as the saddest one of his life.

In the morning Doctor Crane⁴ said goodbye and started back to Paris with instructions as to how he was to handle Doctor Evans' affairs in the city, and messages from the Empress for her friends. A little after seven o'clock the yacht moved out of the Deauville harbor and made good headway until it ran into a violent squall at one o'clock in the afternoon. As the storm increased in fury it became impossible to keep the yacht in her course. Sir John wished to turn back and seek shelter in some

[&]quot;On dying, Doctor Evans left a full manuscript account of the memorable journey from Paris to the coast, and this manuscript, carefully edited by Doctor Crane, was published a few weeks before his own death in 1908. During the progress of the work, it was customary for Doctor Crane to consult the Empress whenever she passed through Paris . . The work is reliable in everything that concerns his carriage drive from Paris to Deauville."—Memoirs of the Empress Eugénie, by Comte Fleury, New York, D. Appleton and Company, 1920.

French port, but the Empress insisted she was not afraid and must go on.

Reach England

With the approach of midnight, the storm abated and the yacht made its way safely across the remainder of the Channel dropping anchor at Ryde Roads at 4 a. m.

Of their safe arrival, Doctor Evans says:

"As soon as she heard that we were safely across the Channel, her Majesty requested me to thank the crew, as an expression of our appreciation . . . and at the same time I handed them some gold coins, which, it was suggested, they might keep as souvenirs of the voyage."

Shortly after they arrived in England, Doctor Evans learned that the Prince Imperial, young son of the Empress, had reached Hastings safely. Greatly to the relief and happiness of the Empress, he was able to arrange an early meeting between them, and both remained in that city for a few weeks. Meanwhile, Doctor Evans had been joined by his wife, and with her assistance he found a beautiful estate not far from London for the Imperial family. It was Camden Place at Chislehurst, and here the Empress and her son accompanied by four servants came to live on the twenty-fourth of September in 1870. In March of the next year, the Emperor, being released from imprisonment, coincident with the close of the Franco-Prussian war, joined his family, and continued to live at Camden Place until his death two years later.

Although Doctor Evans made frequent trips to the Continent to supervise relief work for French and German soldiers, he and Mrs. Evans did not return to Paris until almost a year after the flight of Eugénie. He found their home uninjured, but there was great destruction in many parts of the city, which caused him much distress. Of his homecoming, he says.

"I no longer recognized the Rue de la Paix, which I had entered for so many years nearly every morning and left every evening going to and from my office. I almost doubted if I stood at my own door in this busy thoroughfare.

"Dismayed and sick at heart, I returned home. It seemed to me that Paris would never recover from the ravages of two such fearful sieges. Soon, however, I saw that I was mistaken. Hardly six months had passed before most of the traces of this destruction had disappeared, and lighthearted Paris . . . forgot almost entirely the bitter consequences of war and revolution."2

Within a brief time after his return to Paris, Doctor Evans resumed dental practice in his office on the Rue de la Paix and continued to keep his office open until shortly before his death at the age of 74.

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DENTAL MEETING DATES

Pennsylvania State Dental Society, seventy-second annual meeting, aboard ship on the S.S. South American of the Georgian Bay Line, sailing from Erie, June 13-16.

Northeastern Dental Society, Swampscott, Convention, New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, June 9-12.

Wisconsin State Dental Economic Study Club, tenth annual meeting, Madison, August 2-3.

National Dental Association, annual convention, St. Louis, Missouri, August 12-16. For information write to Doctor J. A. Jackson, 406 Commerce Street, Charlottesville, Virginia.

American Dental Association, annual meeting, Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio, September 9-13.

American Dental Assistants Association, sixteenth annual meeting, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, September 9-12.

The American Dental Hygienists Association, annual meeting, Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, September 9-13.

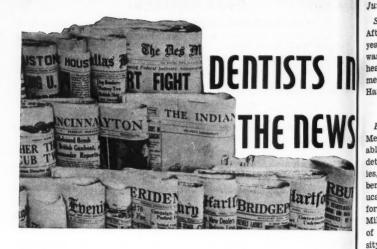
American Association for the Advancement of Oral Diagnosis, annual meeting, Academy of Medicine Building, 2 East 103rd Street, New York, N. Y., October 17-18. o me

STATE BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Maine State Board of Dental Examiners, regular meeting, June 26-28, State House, Augusta. Applications along with necessary fee must be in the hands of the Secretary at least ten days prior to date of examination. For information write to Doctor Carl W. Maxfield, 31 Central Street, Bangor, Maine.

Mississippi Board of Dental Examiners, regular meeting beginning June 18, at Jackson. Application and fee must be in the hands of the secretary on or before June 8. For information write to Doctor A. B. Kelly, Yazoo City, Mississippi.

North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners, regular examination, Gardner Hotel, Fargo, July 8-11. For information write to Doctor L. I. Gilbert, 401 Black Building, Fargo, North Dakota.



Boston (Massachusetts) Post: There is such a dearth of dentists in New England that, as in New Zealand, dental hygienists may have to be employed in our schools to make up for the shortage. This was the opinion expressed recently by Doctor William H. Griffin, President of the Massachusetts State Dental Society, when he addressed the fiftieth annual banquet of the Tufts College dental alumni, As one of the reasons for the shortage, Doctor Griffin suggested the change of the status of the Harvard Dental School which will shortly cease to graduate dentists as such, Because of the reorganization of the dental school system at Harvard, Doctor Griffin pointed out that Tufts will be the only dental school left in New England. He sighted the situation in New Zealand as an example of a country in which the authorities have been obliged to graduate, not dentists, but dental hygienists, who do dental work in the schools after

only two years of training. Doctor Griffin indicated that he regarded this as highly unsatisfactory from the point of view of public health dia tai tha

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Dallas (Texas) News: Emphasizing the importance of research in solving the dental problems of the people in this country. Doctor Arthur H. Merritt, President of the American Dental Association, called for a philanthropist with vision who is willing to do for dentistry what the Rockefeller Foundation has done so generously for medicine. In his talk before the Texas State Dental Society, he pointed out that the importance of research is now being recognized by public health workers as a result of which there has recently been introduced in the United States Senate a bill calling for an appropriation for dental research of \$75,000 a year with an annual increase of \$10,000 for five years.

San Diego (California) Union:
After practicing dentistry for fifty
years in San Diego, Leva G. Jones
was forced to retire because of ill
health. Many of his dental instruments he donated to the Helping
Hand Children's Home Hospital.

Berkeley (California) Gazette: Mexico's primitive Indians may be able to give us some valuable help in determining the cause of dental caries, according to Doctor Guy S. Millberry, Professor of dental health education at the University of California College of Dentistry. Doctor Millberry, who recently gave a series of intensive courses at the University of Mexico, reports that the Indians who live high in the mountains appear to have sounder teeth than the average person. Although he had no opportunity for thorough investigation, Doctor Millberry believes that diet might be responsible for the Indians' dental superiority. No conclusions can be reached, however, until a careful study is made. Doctor Millberry hopes to inaugurate a series of investigations by dental research experts as soon as it is practicable.

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Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Evening Bulletin: Not being able to buy as fine a fishing rod as he wanted, William Middleton Fine, a dentist with offices in the Medical Arts Building, made himself a beautiful rod between classes, while he was a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Since then he has developed this into an interesting hobby. Here is the improved technique that he now uses for turning out a fishing rod: The butt is made of selected wood. Doctor Fine sands it smooth,

wraps it with wet cane, and winds a heavy thread between the cane to give strength and prevent splitting, and applies varnish. After the rod proper, which is made of bamboo, is sanded, the guides and tips are mounted; these being of agate set in German silver, which never rusts. When placing a guide, Doctor Fine first coats the rod with a special cement, then allows it to harden. Later the guide is heated over a candle and placed while hot.

Chicago (Illinois) Dahlia: Although he first took up the raising of dahlias some years ago as a pleasant hobby, Doctor Stanley D. Tylman, Professor of Prosthetic Dentistry at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry, is now classed as an expert in that field and is telling others how to raise better dahlias. Recently he was appointed editor of The Dahlia, official publication of the Central States Dahlia So-



ciety, whose membership includes people in most of the states in the Union and at least twelve foreign countries. This publication is printed on fine paper stock and is attractively illustrated, featuring informative articles by dahlia growers, scientific information on soil culture, and news of dahlia exhibitions. Doctor Tylman was at one time editor of the Bulletin of the Chicago Dental Society and has contributed many articles to national dental journals.

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Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Evening Bulletin: Convinced, when he viewed the Czar Nicholas' priceless Russian collection of sculptured



miniatures eighteen years ago, that he could do a better job himself, Harvey D. Brown, a Woodbury, New Jersey, dentist said so. Then he started out to prove it to skeptical friends. Today, at the age of 40, he proudly shows a collection, all made by hand, of about forty figures, few over an inch in height, made from gold, silver, and copper he has obtained by melting down coins or broken jewelry. His favorite piece is a gold stag, complete with antlers, that is 13/16 of an inch high and weighs 1/10 of an ounce.

Herald: Melbourne (Australia) Because the defense authorities seem to be under the impression that attention to teeth of horses demands a higher rank than treatment of the teeth of men, the president of the Dental Board, J. Darnall-Hunt, protested saying that young dentists were, therefore, hesitant about enlisting in the service. A veterinary science graduate joining the army for home service is given the rank of a captain, and a dental graduate is appointed lieutenant. As a result of this protest, dentists going on active service abroad have been given the rank of captain and there is still pressure being brought to bear to give members of the dental corps at home the same status as the veterinary corps.

Charleston (South Carolina) News and Courier: From Rio de Janeiro, Ripley brings this "Believe it or Not" report: Doctor Agnello Quintella practiced dentistry for 50 years; his seven sons are dentists; his four brothers are dentists; his three grandsons, also his son-in-law, brother-in-law, and two nephews are dentists.

Newberg (Oregon) Graphic: Dentists R. W. Van Valin of Newberg and L. M. Boire of Portland have just been appointed by Governor Charles A. Sprague to serve three-year terms as members of the state board of dental examiners in Oregon.

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Inquirer: Doctor E. C. Kirk Swing of Philadelphia, former commodore of the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor, and outstanding yachting official of the middle Atlantic district, has been appointed chairman of Region No. 3 of the American Power Boat Association. Doctor Swing was selected because of his outstanding ability in organizing the Stone Harbor Gold Cup Regatta and making it one of the outstanding motorboat events in the country in the past few years.

San Antonio (Texas) Light: A few years ago when Major J. R. Haskin, dental surgeon, retired from the United States Army, he settled down in San Antonio. Not having much to occupy his time, he turned a hobby of bluing guns into a pleasant and profitable pastime. Bluing a gun, according to Major Haskin, is a simple process by which he puts a new

blue satin finish on any kind of a gun. First he cleans the metal by boiling it in lye water. Then he buffs, files, and scrapes, until every trace of rust is removed. After further boiling in a large tank, he swabs the steel with a hot chemical bluing solution and again boils it. He re-

peats the swabbing process six to ten times, then finishes the job by polishing the gun. His chief reason for bluing firearms is to make them look new, but it also helps prevent rust and dulls the barrel enough to cut down on reflection of light in the eve of the marksman.

Awards for contributions to Dentists In The News this month have gone to:

GEORGE E. PAYNE PHILPOTS, D.D.S., 44B Koornang Road, Victoria,

MRS. EDWARD MILLINGTON, 3511 North Eleventh Street, Philadelphia. George Douglas Rouse, 57 Wentworth Street, Charleston, South Carolina.

L. L. BINDER, D.D.S., 1809 North Thirteenth Street, Philadelphia. ERNEST O. SAMUELS, D.D.S., 502 Iturbide Street, Laredo, Texas. JACK TARGAN. 1620 West Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia.

CAN YOU USE A DOLLAR?

To every reader who contributes a newsworthy item, something unusual about a dentist, which is published in this department, we will send promptly a crisp, new one dollar bill. Every clipping must be taken from a newspaper and carry the name of the publication and the date line. Clippings submitted cannot be returned. When more than one copy of a clipping is submitted, the first one received will be used. Send all items to: Dentists in the News, Oral Hygiene, 708 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois.

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ABOVE ALL LIBERTIES. John Milton

THE BATTLE IS NOT WON

Now that thirty-six states have laws prohibiting advertising by individual dentists we might think that the battle against dental quacks had been won. But it has not. Fierce battles are ahead and against more formidable foes than the dental quacks. Our future struggles will be against the newspaper publishers who have lost advertising revenue and who fear the extension of statutory provisions regulating advertising in other business. Here and there throughout the country newspapers have begun to stir up a sentiment among the people suggesting that the dental anti-advertising laws are not for the public good but are signs of monopolistic enterprise on the part of dentists. The comment of the Mesa (Arizona) Journal-Tribune is typical of a growing sentiment among some newspaper people:

The legislature, in assuming the power to tell a certain class of people that it cannot purchase a certain commodity, is assuming a great deal more power than the constitution of Arizona ever gave it. If it can prohibit dentists from advertising, it can prohibit others. If it has this power to take business from the newspapers, then it has another powerful club to wield over the press. When the press cannot criticise the government for fear of retailation, then the way is open for dictatorship and oppression, graft and inefficiency.

In this particular instance, the law was not designed to threaten the newspaper, however. It was passed upon the insistence of a group of higher-priced dentists, to prevent some of their contemporaries from offering dental services at cheaper rates and small monthly payments—and stealing the great volume of trade provided by those of us who cannot afford high fees.

All the journalistic adversaries that dentistry will be required to face will not be as forthright in expression as this Arizona paper, which frankly admits that the threat to business and advertising revenues is the point at issue. Other newspapers will follow more crafty patterns of opposition: they will distort stories of dentists and of dental interest; they will lose no chance to ridicule and malign the aspirations of the profession; they will treat with the contempt of deep silence the health and educational stories of dentistry.

Not all newspapers will be venal. Many in this country have proved that the editorial and business offices are separate and that affairs of public interest are treated without an eye on the box office. Generby

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We will need a defense. What will it be? The case for ethical dentistry has been best stated by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts:

The granting of a license to practice a profession, signifies only attainments warranting entrance into professional life. With some, admission to practice is only the beginning of a lifetime of study, self-improvement, and advance in knowledge and skill. With some others, it marks the end of systematic study and of substantial progress in professional competence. The Commonwealth has an interest in attracting to the learned professions men of ability, capable of adorning them, and in enabling such men to survive in competition with others. It has an interest in spreading as widely as possible among its citizens the benefit of the professional services of the most competent practitioners as distinguished from those who barely possess the minimum qualifications for beginning practice at all. It has an interest in leaving its professional men free to improve their professional qualifications, without the necessity of devoting time and effort to the competitive pursuit of clients or patients. It has an interest, too, in freeing its citizens from the pressure of salesmanship in the formation of confidential professional relations.

The Legislature might find, and apparently did find in the case of dentists, that these public interests would be injuriously affected by free competition among practitioners without restraint as to methods. The Legislature might consider that, in general, practitioners of high character, deep learning, and great skill are more conscious of vast areas of knowledge not yet explored than of the narrow fields in which they may have attained mastery; that they are restrained in speech, and careful that promise never outruns performance; and that as a class they either are incapable of advancing themselves by brazen-self-laudation, or scorn resort to that means. The Legislature might conclude from human experience that practitioners of scant competence, like charlatans and demagogues, are likely to make up for want of genuine merit by an expert knowledge of mass psychology and great skill in appealing to the hopes and emotions of the uninformed and credulous. Advertising practitioners, as fast as discovery of their comparative incompetence causes the loss of clients or patients, for a long time can obtain new ones through skilful publicity. It may be that even with complete freedom in advertising, practitioners of unusual competence ultimately would succeed and others ultimately would reach the level of their merits; but in the meantime thousands if not millions of citizens might receive inferior service in the belief, induced by skilful advertising, that it was superior.

The restriction and even the prohibition of advertising by members of the learned professions constitutes a lawful exercise of police power, and not, as has been contended, a violation of constitutional provisions protecting liberty and property, or discriminatory legislation.¹

If we can tell the public this story, the battle is won!

Edward ! Ryan

¹Commonwealth v. Brown (Mass.), 20 N. E. (2d) 478, cited in Bureau of Legal Medicine and Legislation, J. A. M. A. 114:1489 (April 13) 1940.

From One Profession to Another

by RICHARD B. HENNE

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Your Profession is dentistry; mine is advertising. What claim have I on your interest? Just this:

Recently I picked up an old copy of Oral Hygiene. An article dealing with a dental poster contest among school children¹ caught my eye. "That's fine," I thought, "but are they going to stop at that? Where's the follow through? How about a real program of dental education? There's so much to be done along this line, even with adults."

The advertising mind is always seeking new things or new ways to sell to the great consuming public. Invariably a new product represents an *unfilled need*. The particular problem considered here, however, is not new; but there is, certainly, a great *unfilled need*, which the dental profession should satisfy.

Advertising is not selfish. Whatever it has reaped for itself is but a small percentage of the gain secured for others from its sowing and cultivating of fields of commerce. The part advertising played in effecting mass distribution of the auto, the radio, and household appliances is well known.

But you may say that dentistry is "different"; that it should have nothing to do with advertising; that from the first crude ministrations dental practice has advanced itself to a highly skilled combination of science and art; that it rightly enjoys a high and honored place as it is.

That the latter part of this statement is true does not alter the fact that this cannot immunize the profession against the workings of economics. Otherwise we could be sure that the some 70,000 men-in-white who have met the strictest examinations of up-to-date dental colleges are keeping the entire population in good dental health. Surely, too, we should be a nation of people with clean mouths, gleaming teeth, and personable smiles.

But is it so? Why do we see many people trying not to smile, afraid that uneven or defective teeth will embarrass them. Why do so many whose livelihood depends upon personal relationships never seem to get ahead? Why do apparently healthy persons neglect dental warnings of infection? Why don't all these people go to the dentist?

The reason, for the majority, is that they haven't been told to.

¹A Million Posters for Dental Health, ORAL HYGIENE, 28:879 (July) 1938.

Perhaps that sounds childish to learned professional men; but the advertising mind respects that simple, but basic, psychological truism. The fact is that the depression has forced false economizing on a large group of people. Add to these all who boast of never having been to the dentist (you'd be surprised), and those who deliberately allow their teeth to deteriorate, who still hold fear of the chair or have no idea of the wonderful restorative service possible today, plus those who are ignorant of the fact that good dental practice is often easier on the pocketbook than most of our modern luxuries. Unfortunately, there are no complete statistics; we can only guess at the size of this huge "cavity" in our national health. Estimates of reparation costs range from 100 million to close to a billion dollars. Too high a figure? A recent survey of 11/2 million school children disclosed that about 90 per cent of them needed dental attention. The longer this situation is neglected, the greater grow the ultimate tolls to be paid by loss of national health and wealth.

Is there any other profession or industry that would let such a condition exist? No! Even the physicians—and they, you know, also have a rigid code of ethics—have their publicity. Their press releases are given great attention; life insurance companies, food manufacturers, and medical supply houses have been active in public health education, wherein the medical man receives great

attention and credit. There is ample proof that the public responds to this intelligently and eagerly. As dental care is such a large health factor, is it not strange that these organizations—or others—have not attempted to do for the dental profession what has been so well done for the medical men?

No, it isn't strange when you consider how long organized dentistry has resented and resisted any such action by "outside interests." It is time that those responsible for this attitude turn searching glances toward themselves. It is time they realized that they had better put their profession on the highest possible basis of friendly understanding with the public—for it will be this and this alone that will be able to prevent socialization or some other form of governmental interference.

Not so long ago the latter statement would have induced nothing but ridicule; today it should provoke serious thought: has not the medical profession, goaded by "liberal thinkers" seeking to socialize medicine, profound reason to be thankful for the friends it has made since it pulled its head up out of the sand into the public view?

Just how shall you proceed to intensify interest, increase confidence, gain public support that may be needed badly some day, and at the same time get off to a sound start toward stemming the rising tide of dental ruin? How are you going to clear up this great dental confusion? Just what

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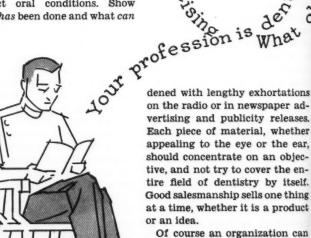
Just tell the story of modern dentistry. Tell it simply and truthfully. But tell it coherently and consistently. Tell it through the mouths of honorable and respected houses, and through your own organizations. Let it be supervised by your national organization. But let it be complete!

Deliberately and powerfully foster the desire for clean, healthy oral regions by dramatizing to what degree success and happiness depend upon health, and how health, in turn, demands perfect oral conditions. Show what has been done and what can

be done by modern dentistry. What a wonderfully compelling and honest story this would be!

The individual dentist can help in this program, by making available to his patients and those who accompany them, all sorts of printed material dealing with some phase or phases of the thousand and one details of dental care. That is not to say that the people should be overwhelmed with masses of literature, or bur-

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Of course an organization can do a more thorough, economical job of preparing such material. But until that is possible, individual efforts on a high plane should be encouraged. That ma1940

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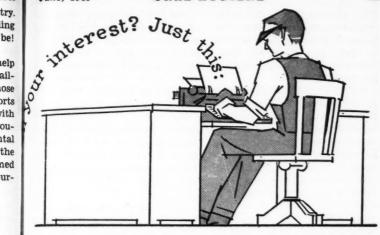
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terial resulting from the few attempts along this line can be effective is acknowledged by those who are aware of it. So far, but three outstanding pieces of printed educational material have come to the attention of the writer. The beneficial results of their narrow—when compared to the potential-distribution clearly show them to be worthy of national circulation. They are not "advertising pieces"; they are forthright expositions of the-to the layman-miraculous methods of modern dentistry. The dignified treatment of the subject, the effective before-and-after illustrations, the sincere advice offered, and the general treatment of dental practice, all combine to impress one in no uncertain manner. And the impression is positive, not negative. There is no urging to "do this" or "don't do that," no stentorian commanding (which intelligent people resent); but there is a powerful influence to turn the reader's mind to his own dental condition, to make him want to improve his own dental standard.

Investigation showed that these booklets, placed in dental offices, were carried home by children who were attracted by the pictures or color and by adults who appreciated this different, this appealing approach to stubborn or distasteful dental problems. That these booklets did their work was shown by the people who came in to the dentists and asked to have their teeth "fixed up like that." More people were made mouth conscious and the dentists had more work than they would have had otherwise.

So far as paid advertising space is concerned, this is just as vital to the success of any educational plan, whether it is to sell products, ideas, or services. Some will throw up their hands in horror; to them, this would be "crass commercialism." They are behind the times.

But there is hope; some part of the profession is awake. The Massachusetts Dental Foundation,2 affiliated with the Massachusetts Dental Society, recently appropriated \$12,000 for advertising in Massachusetts newspapers "to inform the public of the value of care of the teeth." This means that more and more of those within the profession are becoming aware of the need for closer public relations. But this is also typical, unfortunately, of the attempts to meet this need through individual, sporadic, spasmodic, and incomplete efforts.

The previously mentioned printed educational material should be in every dental office in the country. Why isn't it?

²Cooke, J. W.: A Dental Organization Becomes Articulate, ORAL HYGIENE, 29:817 (July) 1939. The little advertising campaign of the Massachusetts Dental Foundation should be part of a nation-wide plan of dental education, backed by organized dentistry and its "commercial" friends and suppliers. Why isn't it?

No one could deny its value, or call it "vulgar promotion," who would not at the same time condemn the entire profession for taking *any* money for its valuable and humane services.

To the advertising mind, which dislikes selling inefficiency as Nature abhors a vacuum, and strives to make distribution as effective as production, it is appalling that the dental profession—equipped with splendid training, brilliant technique, ample manpower, and great research facilities—seems to think it is fulfilling its public charge just by being technically proficient!

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DEAR ORAL HYGIENE:

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I have been reading with much interest the articles and letters regarding a retirement home and a retirement fund for disabled and aged dentists, which have been appearing recently in Oral Hygens, and I wish to state that I will gladly contribute to either or both plans as long as I am in practice.

If every dentist in the United States would contribute \$20.00 a year, it would not be long before we could have the home or the retirement fund. Personally, I prefer a retirement fund, but am willing to help support either or both.

Why not send out cards and get an expression from every dentist in the country and find out what the sentiment on the subject is? If sufficient interest is thus aroused, put the matter before the American Dental Association; and I am sure we will get what we want, need, and deserve.—

J. M. WIATT, D.D.S., Gloucester, Virginia.

Old Age Security

Your editorial and the article DENTISTS NEED OLD AGE SECURITY, struck me very forcibly. I am a young man but my father was a dentist and he died early in life from a disease that takes too big a toll in our profession, tuberculosis.

On reading the March issue of ORAL HYGIENE I went immediately to our probate judge and stated our

need for a home for aged dentists and their wives. Judge Cornley said, "Tell them we will donate property valued at \$20,000 on a hill one hundred and fifty feet above the city of Elba, Alabama. This property overlooks beautiful Pea River valley and is on U. S. Highway 84."

Elba is the county seat of Coffee County, Alabama, located in the southeastern part of the state. The town is full of flowing wells, and a beautiful swimming pool fed by one of these wells is located some 400 yards from the property mentioned. Coffee County has been a subject of study by the United States Government for a few years, because of its low tuberculosis average. This county has less tuberculosis than any county in the United States.

I am writing this letter to stimulate further the idea of a home for aged dentists. No doubt this offer will encourage others.

This offer from Coffee County is sincere, and I hope if this idea grows that due consideration will be given Coffee County.—W. M. RINGSDORF, D.D.S., President South Eastern District Dental Association, Elba, Alabama.

Select a Retirement Home

Permit me to congratulate you and Miss Harriet Williams on your articles on the subject of old age security for dentists. Keep up the good work!

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Before commenting on your splendid editorial in the March issue, I should like to point out what appears to me to be one flaw in the proposition of having a national home or club for needy old dentists: Namely, that any site or even two or three sites would be undesirable for many prospective applicants, because all their lives they were accustomed to live with or in close proximity to their loved ones. As an alternative to having one or more homes or clubs it might be better to follow the plan of The Workmen's Circle. The latter is a national fraternal organization, very sound financially, with headquarters in New York City. It has provisions, made at its recent national convention, to support its aged members, and gives them the option of choosing their own home for the

aged from a list of approved institu-

I'm in accord with the thought expressed in your editorial about "exploring the financial aspects." A committee appointed by the American Dental Association at its next convention should be empowered to do more than exploring.

I'm getting in touch with the proper committee in the local society, The Hudson County, New Jersey Dental Society, to urge them to start the ball rolling and urge all readers of Oral Hygene to do likewise with their own local dental societies.

The pen is indeed mighty so I again urge you not to let up on your writing campaign.—Philip Nemoff, 625 Bergenline Avenue, West New York, New Jersey.

THE DENTAL BOYS LOVE TO TAKE IT

(Continued from page 688)

ting, what about our "preliminary" boys? Never mind what dentistry is doing for "humanity," or what "humanity" is doing for dentistry. That is no skin off our nose just now! What does count when our men are being pushed around by wise guys and politicians and budget committees, is what are dentists doing for dentists! The first function of any worth while state, organiza-

tion, or profession, should be to protect itself.

The one bright spot in the whole setup is that the three powerful local dental societies stepped in to defend the boys. The only trouble is that you don't fight politicians and "humanity" with protests, statements, and petitions, you DO SOMETHING!

124 West 93rd Street New York, New York,

Ask ORAL HYGIENE

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Q.—I am again taking the liberty to worry you as I have another proposition that is giving me considerable trouble.

We have a new water supply in this community that comes from a very deep well; and this water contains fluorine three parts to the million. Now what I want to know is this, will this water, when used to sterilize instruments, have a tendency to rust them? I say that it will; others here, including the physician, say that it will not. I have already noticed that my instruments are rusting some. Could you suggest anything that I could do to prevent this rusting? I have read somewhere that, when such water was filtered through tricalcium phosphate, the fluorine would be removed. Do you know of any practical method whereby this could be done on a small scale such as attaching a filter to a faucet? Or is there anything that can be put in the water that will prevent the instruments from rusting?

This water also has enough fluorine in it to cause mottled enamel in children's teeth, but the people here are paying little attention to this, as they do not believe it. I am not letting my children drink it, however, but do not know just how long I should keep them from it. They are now under four years of age. At what age would it be safe to let them drink it without deleterious effect to their teeth?

I will appreciate all the information that you can give me on this subject, and I also wish to thank you for past favors.—J. M. W., Virginia.

A.—Doctor F. S. McKay, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, is the world's greatest authority on this subject and I have referred your inquiry to him. Here is his reply:

"I note in brief that your community on the eastern shore of Virginia has installed a new water supply derived from a deep well and that this water has been found to contain three parts per million fluorine. Considering the many articles that have been published in the journals of dentistry as well as in journals of water works engineering during the past several years showing the definite relationship between fluorine in water supplies and the production of mottled enamel, it would seem that your town authorities are liable to severe censure for installing water of that character and presenting it for consumption by the children of the community without first taking steps to determine its chemical constituents and particularly, whether it contained fluor-

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particular are very liable to contain flourine, and you have right in your own State of Virginia other communites, to mention only Franklin and Courtland. which are not far from you, seafflicted with mottled verely enamel produced by the use of water from deep wells. It is almost inevitable that within seven or eight years following the introduction of your water supply, you will begin to notice the effect permanently stamped on the newly erupting permanent teeth of your native children, of the fluorine in the water. If you have any other source of water supply, it is particularly regrettable that the deep well was selected.

"I am not aware that water containing fluorine can rust steel instruments but, what is far more important, it will produce mottled enamel in the teeth of the present and future generations.

"There have been various methods suggested for filtering out the fluorine but, so far as I know, none of these is adaptable on a municipal scale, except at a very high cost to the town. As laboratory methods, they have had some success with small quantities of water. If your people thus far have paid but little attention to this problem, I can assure you attention will be paid as this defect of the teeth becomes apparent in the years to come.

"Regarding your own children, it is well to avoid their drinking this water but, more important, they should eat nothing that has been cooked in it, particularly foods that have been boiled. Boiling concentrates the fluorine and

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what starts out as three parts per million water reaches a much higher fluorine content after boiling. To avoid damage to all teeth except the third molars, this water is not safe to use until after about the age of nine or ten.

"You should call this situation to the attention of Doctor H. T. Dean, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C. at once."—F. S. McKay, M.D.

Dermatitis

I have noticed in your ASK ORAL HYGIENE department much interested comment on procaine dermatitis. I had this condition for three years.

I consulted a dermatologist who pronounced it procaine allergy. I carried out his instructions, used rubber gloves and medicaments, but to no avail.

I found a remedy—the most simple and common sense of all, and it cured my hands in less than ten days.

The remedy is peroxide of hydrogen: first lather the hands with a thin lather of soap, then pour out of the bottle peroxide of hydrogen into the palms of the hands and wash for five minutes; keep adding peroxide. Do this several times a day and wash with just the peroxide ten or twelve times daily, using no other medicaments, except perhaps a little mild salve. I used lanolin, just enough to avoid irritation to sensitive skin. I believe this will cure any eczema or desquamation of the hands, except those conditions super-induced by systemic conditions .- T. A. WILKINS, D. D. S., Gastonia, North Carolina.

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Sterilizing Teeth

Q.—I am contemplating using extracted teeth for demonstration models for educating my patients as to the merits of good dentistry. What is the best medium for thoroughly sterilizing extracted teeth that are to be used for this purpose? I of course would prefer to have as little discoloration in the specimen teeth as possible.—N. A. L., Pennsylvania.

A.—Five per cent lysol is a good solution for sterilizing extracted teeth permitting them to maintain their natural color while they remain in the solution, but I don't think there is any way to preserve their color or prevent them from becoming brittle, if they are allowed to dry out on demonstrating models. If you learn of any way we would be glad to know of it.—V. Clyde Smedley.

Hypertrophy of Tissue

Q.—I am seeking your advice on a case that has puzzled me for some time.

A married woman, 25, came to me for gingival treatment two years ago. On her first visit she showed signs of hypertrophy of one of the anterior dental papilla between the left lateral and cuspid. The tip of the papilla was bright red showing signs of acute congestion. It was not very painful, but there was a profuse flow of blood when it was touched.

I removed all signs of calculus and treated the area several times with iodoglycerol solution with no apparent result. I finally removed the enlarged papilla surgically; this healed up the area for a few months, after which the condition developed again in the same spot. I repeated the foregoing procedure over a period of a year and a half.

Within the past six months the patient became pregnant, and this condition has again appeared and is more severe. It has now spread to the papillae between all of her anterior teeth. I have tried local application of both iodoglycerol solution and acriviolet. I also used heat application with a therapeutic light. This brought no apparent results. Again I interfered surgically; at present this condition returns every two weeks. The patient's mouth is in good condition hygienically and the bite is fair. She does not have very tight contact points, nor does she have overlapping of teeth.

Can you suggest the etiology of this condition and a treatment based on my diagnosis? If this condition is aggravated because of pregnancy, will it disappear after gestation? I will more than appreciate any advice on treatment and prognosis of this case.—M. A. E., New York.

A.—It is possible that the hypertrophy of the septal gum tissue between the left lateral incisor and cuspid, of which you speak, was of the nature of an epulis. We have had several of these upon which we have had biopsies and have never found a malignancy. However, we have found that they tended to recur unless we used the actual cautery after removing the tumefaction.

The condition of the gingivae of your patient now is that of a "pregnancy gingivitis." Nothing can be done for the hypertrophy in such a case, but, fortunately the termination of the pregnancy results in a spontaneous clearing up of the hypertrophy.—George R. Warner.

¹Prinz, Hermann and Greenbaum, S.S.: Diseases of the Mouth and Their Treatment, Philadelphia, Lea & Febiger, 1935.



Mother: "That brazen Miss Vamp boasts that she has been kissed by every married man in town except one!"

Father (absently): "I wonder who he can be?"

He: "I'm keeping a record of all our good times together."

She: "Ah, filling pages in a diary?"

He: "No—stubs in a check book."

Sign on the front gate of a house in Glasgow, Scotland:

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Mr. Henpeck (hesitatingly):
"Sir, I—I think it is just about time I got a raise."

Boss: "Why, we just put a raise in your envelope Saturday!"

Henpeck: "Why doesn't my wife tell me these things?"

Bride: "Yes, there are two dishes I make really well—fish cakes and goulash."

Bridegroom: "And which is this?"

Proprietor: "What is this dispute about, Miss Peterson? Remember, in this store the customer is always right."

Miss Peterson (sweetly): "Oh, he only said you were the toughest old shark in this town."

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Angus (to his wife): "Maggie, here's a ticket for tonight's conjuring show, and when the conjurer comes to that part where he takes a teaspoon of flour and one egg and makes twenty omelets, watch verra, verra close."

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Floorwalker: "Why didn't that man buy something? What did he want to see?"

Pretty Clerk: "Me, tomorrow night."

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Son (who has caught his father, kissing the maid): "Whatcha doin', Pop? Kissin' the maid?"

Pop (thinking quickly): "Bring me my glasses, son. I thought it was your mother."

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Youth: "Now, on this ring I should like you to engrave: "For my darling Muriel!"

Jeweler: "Would it not be better to have it simply: 'For my darling'?"

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Lucille: "But my father doesn't like you very well."

Leewilks: "Gosh, that's nothing! My whole family objects to you."



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THE INORGANIC OR MINERAL ELEMENTS IN NUTRITION

"The functions of minerals are so important that they may well be said to control life itself." (1)

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However, copper, manganese, zinc, and apparently cobalt must now be added to this list of elements considered indispensable or desirable in nutrition. Also, analyses of animal tissues have disclosed the presence of the so-called "trace elements" (aluminum, silicon, arsenic, fluorine, bromine, barium, rubidium, nickel, and selenium). Which of these perform definite roles in mammalian metabolism and which are present as contaminants, future research alone can decide (2).

Although the specific functions of ail the essential minerals may not be completely known, it is apparent that many of these inorganic elements—in the form of their salts or ions—are associated with vital body activities. Thus, the initiation and continuance of cardiac function, the maintenance of osmotic relationships of tissues and of the acid-alkaline balance, and the formation of bony and calcareous tissue and of hemoglobin are a few of the vital functions of the minerals (1). It should be evident that the above quota-

tion is in no wise an overstatement of the importance of the minerals in nutrition,

As to their occurrence in nature, the minerals are rather widely distributed in foods, although the extent to which they may occur—even in the same food variety—is known to be variable (3). No one food or class of foods has been richly endowed with all the elements essential in nutrition. Consequently, to insure an optimal intake of minerals the diet should be planned to include—in so far as possible—all food classes.

In the preparation of foods for the table, attention should be given to preservation of their mineral values. Because of their water-soluble nature, certain minerals may be lost to the cooking water during food preparation. Therefore, to obtain the full mineral benefits of foods, the cooking water containing the extracted minerals should in some way be utilized.

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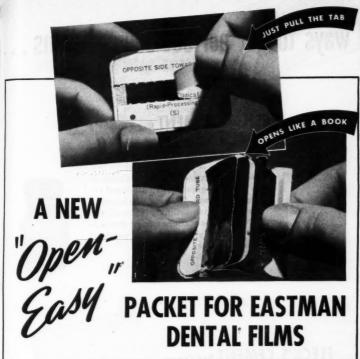
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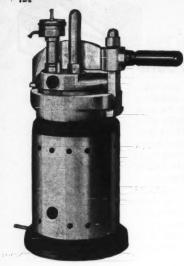


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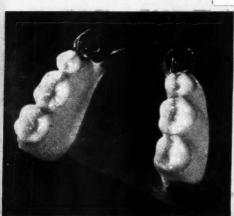
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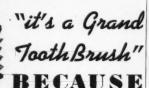
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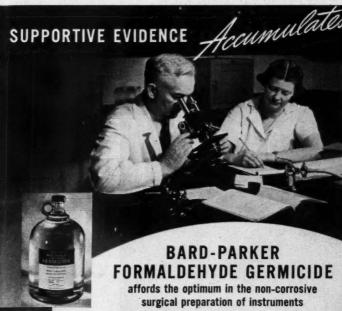
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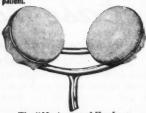
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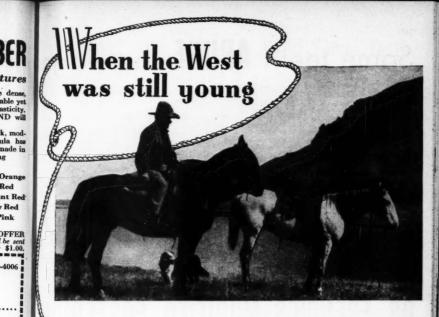
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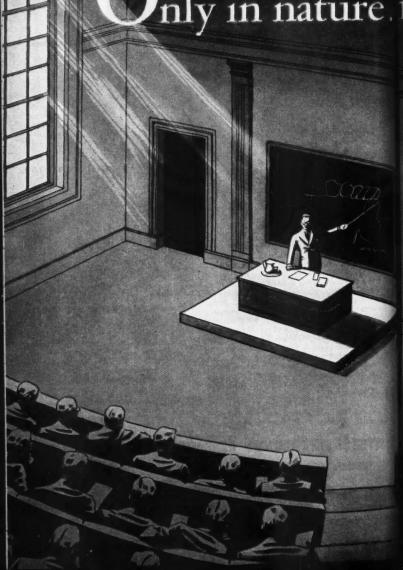
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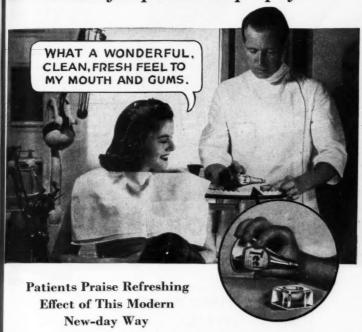
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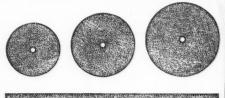


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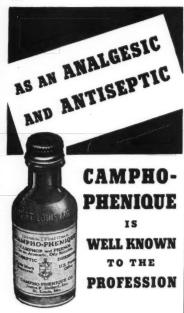
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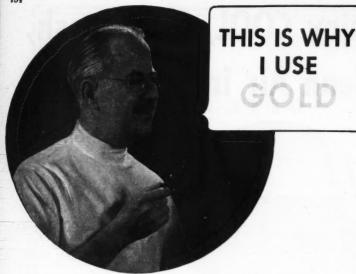
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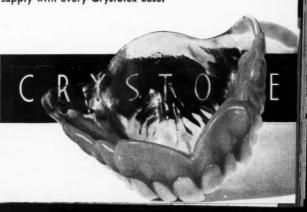
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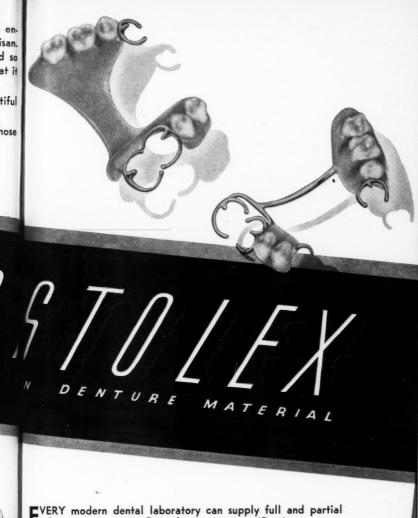
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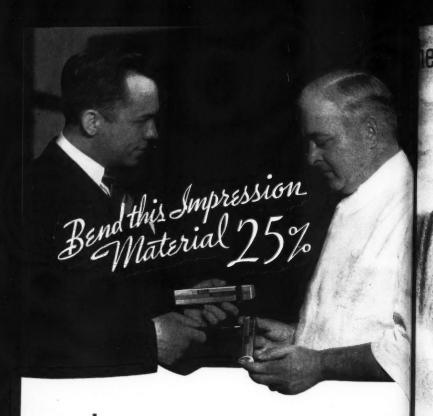
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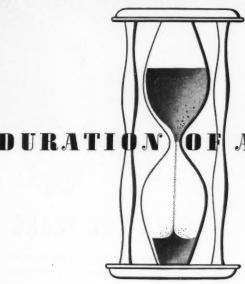
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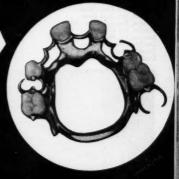
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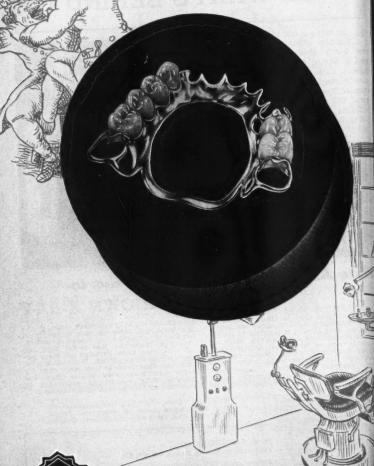
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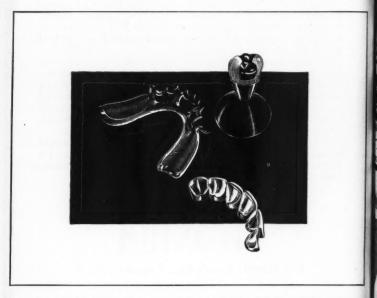
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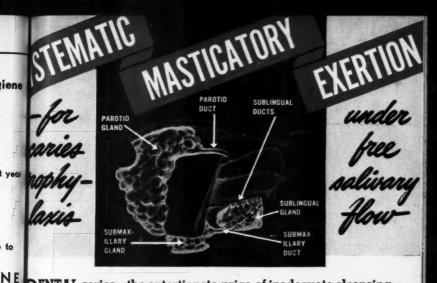
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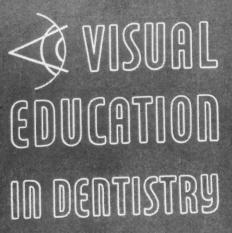
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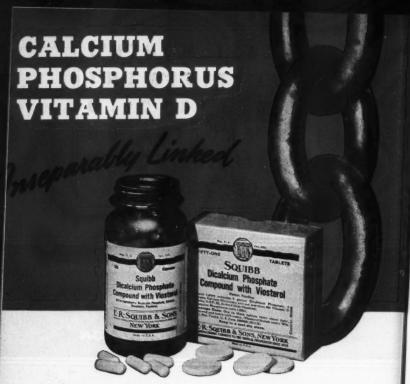
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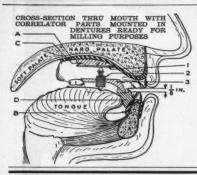
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